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Q1 Which of these arts did you have as part of your K-12 education? **Music,**
Theatre,
Visual Arts

Q2 How did learning in the arts impact your education and life after high school??

Having arts as part of my education allowed me the opportunity to explore different areas of creativity. As I zeroed in on my love for vocal music, it gave me a creative outlet. My love for music continued to be a strong part of my life after high school, including singing professionally with a Christmas caroling group, and turning music into a career as a worship pastor in a church. The arts are timeless, and something that you never outgrow or "age out" of.

Q3 How would you describe the current status of arts education in your district? What's good, and where is there room for improvement?The arts (dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts) are a core subject in our state definition of basic education, and in federal law.(1) However, the reality is that many schools are not providing adequate arts instruction.(2)

Our district has a decent commitment to arts in education, yet I would love to see more. Year-round music for our grade school students would be a good starting place for us.

Q4 How would you describe your role in ensuring that there is an equitable provision of standards-based arts instruction for all students in your district? What strategies would you use to support this?A well-rounded curriculum is a key part of a high-quality education. However, studies(3) show that over the past decade the arts have been crowded out of the school day.

My role would be one of pursuing "buy-in" across the district. Arts in education should be a priority in each district. It's not just an "extra," it's an integral part of a well-rounded educational process. A greater understanding of the "why" of having arts education would go a long way toward increasing support for it.

Q5 How do you see the arts playing a role in student success in your district?Extensive research (4) has shown that arts education increases student engagement. It helps close opportunity gaps, reduces dropout rates, helps more students be college-ready, and develops the creativity needed in the 21st-century workforce.

When we encourage well-rounded education that includes the arts, we create students that have more than one way of expressing themselves or engaging with school. They are more connected, they have an incentive for staying engaged, and have a supportive peer group of like-minded students.

DO VOTERS KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON ARTS EDUCATION?

Q6 If elected, which of these strategies would you consider for supporting arts education in your district? (Check all that apply)

- Research current arts programs and assess needs at district buildings.
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- Work for a budget to financially support arts instruction at all schools.
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- Utilize arts organizations to support arts instruction and professional development for classroom teachers.
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- Find opportunities under ESSA to use federal funds to support arts education.
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- Create a local arts education task-force.
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- Develop or update a district level arts plan. Outline policies, goals, and strategies for implementing arts education for all students.
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- Share research about the benefits of arts learning with colleagues.

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